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I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,348,069, granted February 19, 2002 and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Engineering of Strong, Pliable Tissue

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on February 19, 2004 as reissue application number 10/782,750

and was amended on _____
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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This application was filed to correct errors in claim 1. Claim 1 was amended by removing the step of "implanting into an animal or human the matrix at a site where the resulting cell-construct is needed". Deletion of the second implanting step serves to encompass methods wherein the matrix was cultured in vivo as well as in an equivalent method, such as a bioreactor. Claim 1 was directed to a "cell-matrix construct" and not positively limited to heart valve constructs. New claim 20 was added to include language that further defines the matrix, where the matrix includes "struts" or "support" elements, which were not previously claimed.

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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